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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached to the end of this paper.

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

In the Drawing:

Please replace Drawing Sheet 1, Figure 3, Drawing Sheet 3, Figure 6 and Drawing Sheet 4, Figure 7 with the replacements sheets attached hereto. The proposed Amendments are made to Figures 3, 6 and 7 with red-lined changes. Applicants provide formal corrected drawings to be entered if the proposed changes are accepted by the Examiner.